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Mr. William H. Crooks  
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Dear Mr. Crooks:

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 1995, commenting on the workshop of December 4, 1995 concerning the proposed treatment of water quality. You identified a concern that one of the "boundary" alternatives would satisfy water quality issues by increasing dilution through increased flows and suggest that actions to control discharges should continue to be a principal step in the long-term solution.

We agree completely with your comments. As you recall, the "boundary" alternatives were designed only as the edge of the universe for all the actions which could be possibly considered as part of the Program. We have progressed a good deal since the December 4 workshop and the draft alternatives currently under consideration have an array of actions designed to address specific water quality issues, in fact, potential actions to make improvements in source control are "core" actions which will be included, at some level of implementation, in each of our alternatives. We are working closely with the staff of the State Board, and your staff, to help us accurately identify these potential actions.

We appreciate your comments on the program and look forward to working with you and the Regional Board as we progress toward our final set of alternatives.

Sincerely,

*LS/ per RJ.*

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director